

# 'Midair collision' formed NCAA

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Walsh said Proposition 48 is another measure that gets a lot of publicity. Established in 1983, Proposition 48 created academic requirements for athletes while they are still in high school.

Walsh said similar legislation has gone through an evolution of sorts. She said athletes were first required to meet the 1.6 Rule, which stated that a 1.6 grade point average must be maintained in order to remain eligible. That requirement was raised to 2.0, which was later rescinded for Proposition 48, which requires a minimum SAT

score. Controversy still surrounds Proposition 48, Walsh said, because black students are most affected by it. Walsh said the NCAA was formed in 1906 when officials decided they needed to "save football" after viewing a Harvard-Princeton game.

Walsh said the decision was made after the NCAA saw Harvard's habit of having its smallest running back jump onto the arms of his teammates, who would then fling him high over the defensive line. She said Princeton was able to defend the tactic by doing the same thing, creating a brutal mid-air collision.

# Reader suggests politics for Osborne

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homa, for example). I think they ought to cancel games like Michigan-Ohio State, UCLA-USC and Nebraska-Oklahoma.

There are regular reports about players taking illegal payoffs or using drugs. Reducing sports to the intramu-

ral level would help to restrict those problems.

I hope this letter of suggestion encourages Nebraska to take the lead and reduce the emphasis on sports.

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P.S. Other sports personalities have successfully gone into politics (Jack Kemp and Bill Bradley, etc.).

# Transfer good for runner

By Kyle Schurman  
Staff Reporter

Most college teams don't help their opponents by recommending athletes to them, but when an individual's future is involved, Nebraska track coach Gary Pepin throws rivalries out the window.

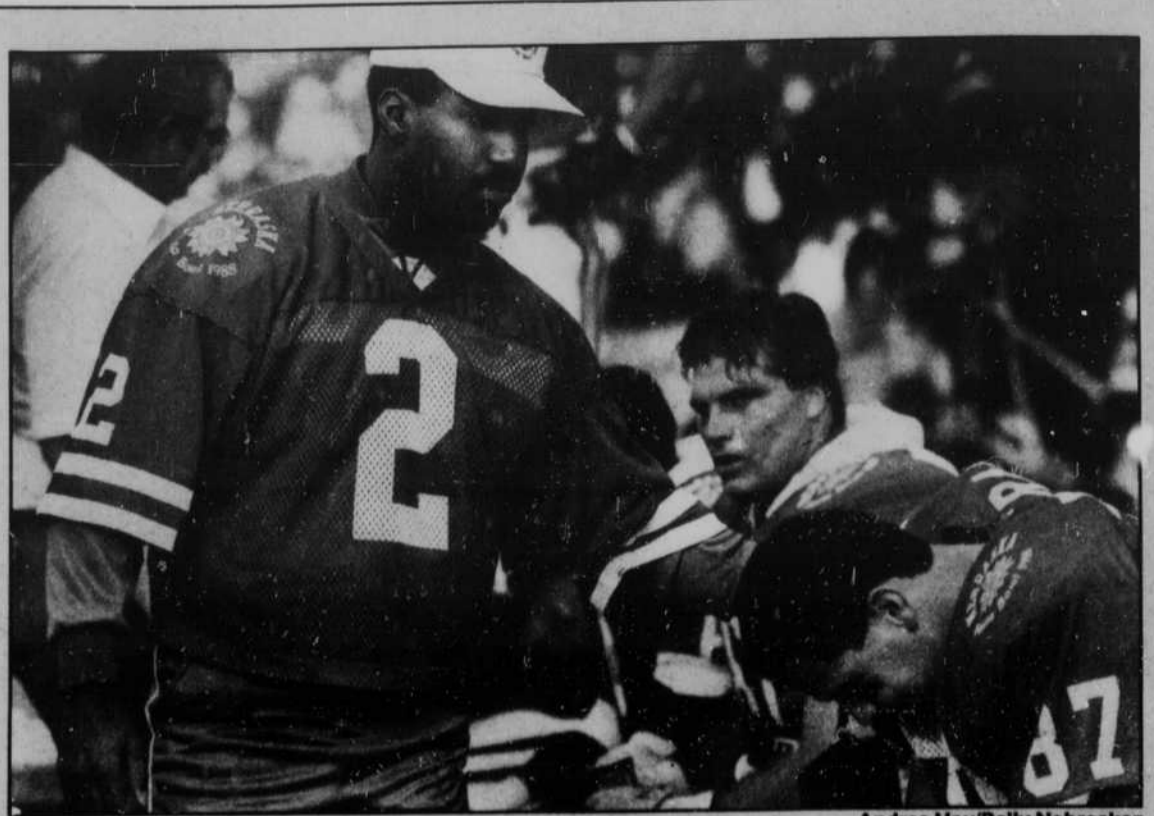
That attitude has helped former Cornhusker sprinter Phillips George become one of Wichita State's top track athletes. George spent his freshman season at Nebraska and, although he excelled in the classroom, he struggled on the track, Pepin said.

Pepin called Wichita State track coach John Kornelson and recommended that George become a Wheat Shocker.

Pepin said helping an individual succeed is very important to him.

"It's real important to us that someone makes it both academically and athletically," Pepin said. "We really want to help the athlete. We've probably had two or three kids who, for one reason or another, didn't have things go well for them here. We tried to help them find another school as long as they were a good student, a good athlete and did all the things they were supposed to do."

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Nebraska wingback Von Sheppard comforts teammate Tom Banderas during the Cornhuskers' 31-28 loss to Florida State in the 1988 Sunkist-Fiesta Bowl.

# NU's Smith turns sights on NFL

By Mark Derowitsch  
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At 6-foot-5, 260 pounds, former Nebraska defensive tackle Neil Smith's size was an advantage and a disadvantage during his recent trip to Japan.

Smith, who was named the game's outstanding defensive player in the Japan Bowl, said National Football League scouts were impressed with his size and speed during the West's 17-3 win against the East earlier this month.

"I ran a 4.5 (40-yard dash) at pro day for the scouts, and they've never seen a big man run that fast before," Smith said. "After that, they put an eye on Neil Smith because of my size and quickness."

But Smith said his size made him feel uneasy when his team toured Tokyo during its week-long stay in Japan.

"Tokyo is a big place and has many little people," Smith said. "They're very small in size and height. I felt very uncomfortable there. But they are very brave, and they aren't afraid of Americans."

Smith said his quickness enabled him to excel in the Japan Bowl. He said playing defensive end in a 4-3 defense gave him the freedom to contain outside runners.

"It was no different than the tackle position I played at Nebraska," Smith said, "but I had to worry about outside containment. I also just had to go one-on-one against an offensive tackle instead of trying to get up the middle."

"I felt comfortable out there," Smith said playing defensive end as well as tackle will give him a better shot at being a first-round draft choice in the upcoming National Football League draft.

"I had an excellent year at Nebraska," Smith said, "and I proved that I can play two positions against the best talent in college."

Smith said numerous NFL scouts attended the Japan Bowl. He said representatives from the New York Jets, the New York Giants, the Los Angeles Raiders and the New England Patriots were there.

Smith said he would like to play for the Seattle Seahawks, even though it would mean teaming with former Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth.

"I like Seattle as a team," Smith said. "They're a team on the go, and once they get it all together, they should be talented enough to reach the Super Bowl."

Smith's teammate at Nebraska, tight end Tom Banderas, also played for the West in the Japan Bowl.

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## Wrestlers place third at meet

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska wrestling team defeated Clemson 25-11 to capture third place at the Cowboy Duals this weekend in Stillwater, Okla.

Earlier, the Cornhuskers lost to No. 2-ranked Arizona State 40-6 to advance to the third-place round. The Sun Devils and top-ranked Oklahoma State were the top two finishers at the six-team tournament.

Against Arizona State, Nebraska's Terry Cook dropped a 10-9 match to Zeke Jones in the 118-pound weight class. Jones is 18-0 and ranked No. 3 in the nation at that class. At 150, Nebraska's Keenan Turner won by forfeit.

The Sun Devils beat Nebraska's wrestlers in all other weight classes. But against Clemson, it was a different story. Cook decisioned the Tigers' Don Henckel 13-3. At 126, Nebraska Wallace Dawkins beat Mike Bodily 6-5. At 134, the Huskers' Dave Droegemueller drew with Clemson's Glen Millot 7-7.

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